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POINTS OUT SAVINGS OF WILSON REGIME

Armament is Greatly Increased and Ships Are In Better Condition — Great Advance in Mining Operations and in Stocking Up With War Munitions.

Washington. April 26.—Secretary Daniels has made public a letter he has written to President Garfield of Williams College, detailing the work in the Navy during the last two years. Mr. Daniels wrote in reply to Mr. Garfield's requist for material to meet statements that the United States is unprepared for military amergencies. prepared for military emergencies.

The letter follows:

"There are now in active service,
"ally commissioned, 125 vessels of all
characters, which is 36 more than
were fully commissioned when I became Scoretary, There are also 101 vessels of various types, in reserve 23 destroyers, 38 submarines and 7 auxiliaries) as compared with 54 vasseis (5 dreadnaughts, 14 destroyers, 25 submarines, 3 gunboate and 3 auxiliaries) which were under construction on March 1, 1918

"all the years of enumerated, those in active service and those in reserve are supplied with munitions of war. No Navy makes public the quantity of ammunition and torpedoes, mines and other implements of naval warfare which it keeps ready. It may be said however, that within the last two years the quantity of all has been steadily and greatly increased. For example, we have increased the number of mines, on hand and in process of manufacture, by 244 per cent. With reference to torpedoes, the increase, in

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"Third, as to torpedoes: A stateclose upon the heels of valuable maventuer and December last. This the navy is not making adequate provided strenuous practice, but it is the way the Navy is kept fit and ready, and the new Admiral in command of the Flest and the Department planned such extensive evolutions because the only way that the Navy can be always prepared is by ing backward in this respect."

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to-day no more efficient institution than the United States Nvy. Some critics have said the efficiency of the fleet was reduced by reason of soins to Vera Cruz. To our regret, certain manoeuvers and target practice of value were necessarily omitted. The emergency experience, however, of a yar of stress and strain was of far greater value in one important respect than the well-planned routine, because it gave a demonstration of the mining operations of the navy is the readiness of the Navy in every Department, affort and sahore, to meet an urgent call. Its flexibility necessary on the high seas, For the each. The reduction has already effected because they did not come up to our high standard. To what is the increase of our enlistments at tributed? The answer is easy: To the establishment of schools, opportunity to see the world, and for promotion afforded enlisted men hither to denied them. In these two years 18 enlisted men have been appointed as assistant paymasters; five as midshipmen at Annapolis, and 12 as enlisted men have been appointed to the immediate vicinity of the fight and sahore, to meet an urgent call. Its flexibility necessary on the high seas, For the each of the Tart administration only three

Three months after this extensive practice had been given for the first time in our Navy, the same fleet, and the same men were called upon to land at Vers Crus and in the taking of that the land at Vers Crus and in the taking of that the land at Vers Crus and in the taking of that the Navy covered out upon.

that city the Navy carried out under fire what had been learned at Culebra. improvement. If the fact was afficient in any dogree before Admirals Badger and Fletcher carried out the drills thus detailed, it is much more efficient to-day, and it will be made more ready every year. All that espeble and trained officers and men can do to accomplish this steady improvement is being done. Only the uninformed or the partisan deny the steady improvement of the past two years, thanks chiefly to Rear Admiral Badber and Admiral Fletcher.

"But, you say, how about equipment and preparation for military emergencies? What has been done since Wilson's inauguration to make the Navy has emphasized the value of aircraft.

principles. This year more battleships and destroyers have participated in the manoeuvers, and for a longer period, than ever before. There is a big decrease in appropriation of the direction of Admiral Pletcher, upon plans evolved at the Naval War College and approved by the Department, the fleet has been busied in factics to try out its efficiency and readiness. All reports tell of the enthusiasm of officers and men in this practice and the splendid record made by the ships. The fleet is now in Tangier Sound and on the Sauthern Drill Grounds, where it will be busy in target practice until May when it moves to New York for a week's well-carried leave. Then will come the review will New York, followed by manoeuvers in Narraganset Bay region, and finally the review in Hampton Boads prior to sailing through the Panania Carriel to the Exposition at San Francisco.

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San Francisco June 12, 1908, but was an or the stay at the Dubuque, mine training ship. The General Board as early as 1608 recognized the Dubuque, mine training ship. The General Board as early as 1608 recognized the Dubuque, mine training ship. The General Board as early as 1608 recognized to the grade of admiral. Not and recommended the conversion of two old cruisers for this purpose. The same year, Congress authorized the conversion of the San Francisco and Baltimore. Work was started on the books. While re-enlistments have during a great part of the time held. San Francisco June 12, 1808, but was not completely and December 2, 1811. have decreased 17 per cent. Anothduring a great part of the time held tautical manocuvers, torpedo-proving practice and sub-calliere drills in preparation for target practice.

"For many years, officers have written and talked about the formation of advance base material and the prestice of exercising landing parties of seamen and marines in the use of this important adjunct to naval warfare. Congress appropriated money for this important plan of campaign, but never until January of last year was the Navy thus exercised. There had been plenty of talk, but not until January of last year was the new under instructions from the Department. Admiral Badger carried out a comprehensive exercise in which the mprehensive exercise in which the ofessional advantages gained by ofessional advantages gained by ofessional men were inestimable.

> hit harder than any gun now in use or known to be designed by a foreign "These details are given because every iman knows that the efficiency of the Navy depends upon constant practice, but nobody in the Navy thinks anything like perfection has been reached, and constant study and work are pursued with aim of continued improvement. If the flect was efficient in any degree before Admirals Badger and Fletcher carried out the drills thus detailed, it is much more efficient reduced 27 cents per pound, saving

of manufacture, by 144 per cent. With reference to torpedoes, the increase, in the percent was the increase, in the percent was the increase, in the percent of the mayal power than briefly!

"Thus, as to ships: During the last two years of the Tait administration, to double its former capacity, and like only on the construction of two dreadnaughts to cost about \$13,000,000 each. During the first two years of the Tait administration, Congress authorized the construction of two dreadnaughts to cost about \$13,000,000 each. During the first two years of the Wilson administration, and an Aviation Eureau in the Department to be in a better state of preparedoese as recards the supply of ammunifion, than ever become.

The personnel of the Navy is at present composed of 4,355 line, significant composed of 4,355 line, si

the Navy is to-day recribed to the passimum strength allowed. There are now with the colors 5.814 more many increase of 12 per cent—than there were on March 1.1815.

My professional training as a journalist has always inclined me to the consistion that any officer, which it to presentled limits restorated in the Navy, should feet free to express his opinion in regard to matters in the service, and there is not an officer who commands a ship to-day who could companie will cost \$15,260,000. Now within, was not as good as it was two vests ago, or that the officers who remained fit and the crease who man it are not as thoroughly disciplined, sobern.

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"But of what worth is a ship without well-trained men?

and assistance was put into operation in 1915. Now every ambitious and aspiring young chilsted man is given special instruction when he desires it. Upon my recommendation, Congress passed an act which gives all the positions of pay-clerk to these enlisted men who can qualify. opens 200 more places to enlisted It is true today as never be-

in his line.

"One word more: for years there has been an unsuccessful insistence that Congress should re-establish the grades of admiral and vice admiral. I earnestly urged the last Congress to create these positions. It authorized three of each. Now American naval officers, while abroad, will no longer be outranked by officers of na tions with insignificant navies. "I have answered your questions at

some length. There are two reasons for the length of my letter: been epoch-making in the navy, distinguished by more wise and propractical achievement than any pre ious like period (thanks chiefly to a

patriotic Congress), and
"IL Because certain persons, ignorant of their ignorance, and for selfish partisan reasons, have busied themselves with misrepresenting the true condition of the navy, thereby sausing some good people to fear that the navy is not now, as in the past, the strong effective right arm of the truth may be assured that the navy cles? What has been done since Wilson's inauguration to make the Navy stronger in ships, in ammunition, in mines, in torpedoes? Those questions are of the utmost importance. Let me answer them briefly:

"Thust, as to ships: During the last two years of the Taft administration, of two dreadnaughts to cost about \$13,000,000 esoch During the first two aircraft: The European war has to aircraft: The European war has emphasized the value of aircraft. The navy has lagged behind in this instrument of war. Last year I appointed a Board of Aviation. It recommended the utilization of the abandoned navy yard at Pensacola as a training and repair station for aviation, and an Aviation Eureau in the Department. This has been done Upon specting peace which is the only my surpost recommendation. Converses of 1915 is larger, better equipped and peace worth preparing for; it is de-voutly to be hoped that this strength may not be questioned by others or endangered from within. The rec-ord above outlined shows that what he promised for the navy has been

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